



**Michigan Association of Counties Board of Directors**  
**March 24, 2014**

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR ISSUE A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN  
COUNTIES IN THE NORTHERN LOWER PENINSULA AND IN THE UPPER PENINSULA OF  
MICHIGAN**

**Whereas**, On and around February 27, 2014, Northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula experienced a severe winter weather incident; and

**Whereas**, the frost levels have reached 10 feet or more in certain areas; and

**Whereas**, the frost levels go so deep in these areas that water main lines and sewer lines are freezing and breaking and causing widespread water and sewer disruptions; and

**Whereas**, the problems with rupturing pipes will continue to get worse as the ground starts to thaw; and

**Whereas**, individual counties cannot afford and do not have the resources to respond to these situations in a timely manner; and

**Whereas**, an individual county affected is not likely to meet the per capita impact threshold for a state or federal emergency or disaster declaration on their own; and

**Whereas**, individual counties must declare a local state of emergency, prepare an impact statement, and submit a request for the Governor to issue a declaration of emergency or disaster; and

**Whereas**, collectively the counties may, if they link to this specific incident, meet the per capita threshold; and



**Therefore, be it resolved** that the Michigan Association of Counties encourages all affected counties to issue a local declaration of emergency; and

**Therefore, be it resolved** that the Michigan Association of Counties encourages all affected counties to request an emergency declaration from the Governor; and

**Therefore, be it resolved** that the Michigan Association of Counties encourages all affected counties to continue to update the request for emergency declaration with impacts as they transpire; and

**Therefore, be it resolved** that the Michigan Association of Counties requests that the Governor issue a State of Emergency in the Upper Peninsula and Northern Lower Peninsula.